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1. FOLLOWING ARE OUR VIEWS ON THIRD, FIFTH, AND
SIXTH QUESTIONS BJORNSTEDT ASKED USUN.

2. WHAT ROLE SHOULD IAEA HAVE AT FIRST MEETING PREPCOM
APRIL 1? IF PRESENT US/UK VIEW MAINTAINED THAT FIRST
MEETING SHOULD AVOID ANY DECISIONS REGARDING AGENDA OF
REVCON OR REQUESTS FOR BACKGROUND PAPERS ON PARTICULAR
NPT ARTICLES, THEN WE SEE NO NEED FOR ANY IAEA ROLE
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AT FIRST MEETING. IAEA DOES HAVE HIGHLY COMPETENT LIAISON

OFFICER IN GENEVA (MRS. MERLE OPELZ, US CITIZEN) WHO COULD ANSWER OR GET ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTION PREPCOM MIGHT SEND HER CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, E.G., CONFLICT BETWEEN FUTURE MEETING DATES AND MAJOR IAEA MEETINGS. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNEASY ABOUT POTENTIAL FOR LONG DELAY IN PREPCOM DECIDING WHAT TECHNICAL STUDIES AND PAPERS IT WISHES IAEA TO PREPARE. IF SECOND PREPCOM MEETING IS TO FORMULATE THESE REQUESTS, WE URGE IT BE HELD NOT LATER THAN SECOND HALF OF JUNE, SO AS TO SEIZE IAEA SECRETARIAT OF PREPCOM REQUIREMENTS BEFORE IT (AND PERMANENT MISSIONS) BECOME TOTALLY IMMERSSED IN PREPARATIONS FOR IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, IAEA PARTICIPATION IN WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE, AND IAEA TECHNICAL PNE PANEL, ALL SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER.

2. WHAT STATUS SHOULD NON-PARTIES, SIGNATORIES AND NON-SIGNATORIES, HAVE AT PREPCOM MEETINGS? WE DISAGREE STRONGLY WITH BJORNERSTEDT THAT "OPEN-DOOR" POLICY WOULD HAVE FAVORABLE EFFECT ON COUNTRIES SUCH AS JAPAN. WE CONTINUE BELIEVE OPPOSITE IS TRUE, AS REPORTING FROM EMBASSY TOKYO DEMONSTRATES. ADMISSION TO PREPCOM IS INCENTIVE (ADMITTEDLY SMALL) FOR RATIFICATION AND WE SHOULD DO NOTHING TO DIMINISH IT. FURTHER, WE SEE NO LEGAL OR LOGICAL BASIS FOR DISCRIMINATING AGAINST NON-SIGNERS IN FAVOR OF SIGNATORY NON-PARTIES. WHAT WOULD PREPCOM DO IF FACED WITH REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS FROM NON-SIGNER THAT DECLARED IT HAD EVERY INTENT ACCEDE TO TREATY? WHY SHOULD OBSERVER STATUS BE GIVEN TO BARBADOS AND LIBYA BUT DENIED TO SOUTH AFRICA, INDIA AND ISRAEL? AND WHY SHOULD ANY NON-PARTY BE PRESENT DURING DISCUSSION OF HOW TO STIMULATE ADHERENCE TO NPT AND IMPROVE ITS IMPLEMENTATION?

3. WHAT PAPERS SHOULD IAEA BE EXPECTED PREPARE FOR FIRST MEETING? NONE, AS LONG AS ASSUMPTION CONCERNING NATURE OF MEETING DISCUSSED PARA 2 ABOVE HOLDS. WE ASSUME PREPCOM WILL WISH AT FIRST MEETING TO ASSIGN TO ONE OR MORE OF ITS OWN MEMBERS TASK OF PREPARING DRAFT AGENDA FOR REVCON WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED AT SECOND MEETING. WE DO NOT BELIEVE EITHER UN OR IAEA SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE GIVEN THIS RESPONSIBILITY, BUT BOTH SHOULD CERTAINLY BE CONSULTED CONCERNING DRAFT AGENDA BEFORE SECOND MEETING

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HELD. MISSION HAS SUBMITTED BY POUCH ITS RECOMMENDATIONS RE PAPERS IAEA MIGHT BE ASKED PREPARE FOR REVCON ITSELF.TAPE

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